

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicants: Horst Hofman et al.  
 Application No.: 10/586,787  
 Int'l. Filing Date: 01/24/2005  
 Title: WIRE STRIPPER WHICH CAN BE AUTOMATICALLY ADAPTED TO  
 DIFFERENT CONDUCTOR CROSS SECTIONS  
 Group Art Unit.: unassigned  
 Confirmation No.: unassigned  
 Atty. Docket No.: 00139/013002

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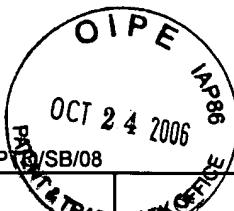
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